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Location

Remarks

Drawsko  
(Dramburg)  
(N 53-32, E 15-48)

[redacted] summer training in this area with the 9th Ind Med Tk Regt and the 39th Mecz Inf. Regt. Hq, 8th Mecz Div, and other subordinate divisional units. In addition, to the 39th Mecz Inf Regt also took part in the training. Upon completion of the training, all of the units returned to their permanent casernes. Division Headquarters and subordinate regimental offices were located in brick buildings. All troops lived in tents. Small arms, artillery, and tank training was conducted. [redacted] the area was large enough to accommodate about three divisions. (See pages 3 and 4 for sketch of area and other details.)

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Biedrusko  
(N 52-33, E 16-57)

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[redacted] The town of Biedrusko was used as headquarters by an unidentified division during the summer training period. There were no civilian families living in the town.

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Troops lived in the wooded areas near Biedrusko. [redacted]

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[redacted] three unidentified units, [redacted] of regimental size and were stationed near Poznan, Zary (N 51-38, E 15-09), and Zegan (N 51-37, E 15-19), came to this area for summer training. Capacity of training area not known. (See pages 5 and 6 for sketch of area and other details.)

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Czarne  
(Hammerstein)  
(N 53-41, E 16-56)

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[redacted] the 41st Armd Arty, 28th Med Tk and 64th Hv Tk Regt were permanently stationed at this area. A permanent type tank repair shop was also located there. During the summer training period, the 16th Mecz Div Hq was also located at this area. (During the winter months, the division was at Szczecinek (Neustettin) (N 53-42, E 16-42). An unknown number of brick buildings which contained offices, messhalls, and billets for officers and EM had been constructed. Capacity of the area was not known to Source. (See pages 7 and 8 for sketch and details.)

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Zoltnica  
(Soltnitz)  
(N 53-40, E 16-48)

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[redacted] this training area [redacted]

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number of troops, tanks, and engineer equipment at the area. [redacted] not know its capacity. (See page 9 for approximate location.)

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Lipskie Lasy  
near Lipa  
(N 50-41, E 22-04)

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[redacted] it was being enlarged and would be the largest in Poland. [redacted] the artillery range was large enough to accommodate artillery units firing simultaneously from both ends of the area. [redacted] this area [redacted] encompass [redacted] several kinds of terrain; swampy, sandy, wooded, and hilly, and [redacted] troops would receive training over all these types of terrain. Practically all of the villages within the training area had been cleared of their civilian population. [redacted] the area was selected because it was once used as a refuge area by partisans, and [redacted] it could not be used by anti-regime groups if troops were stationed in it. [redacted] units from the First Military District would train in the area because of its geographical location. [redacted] an unknown number of troops train there during 1953. (See pages 10 and 11 for approximate boundaries.)

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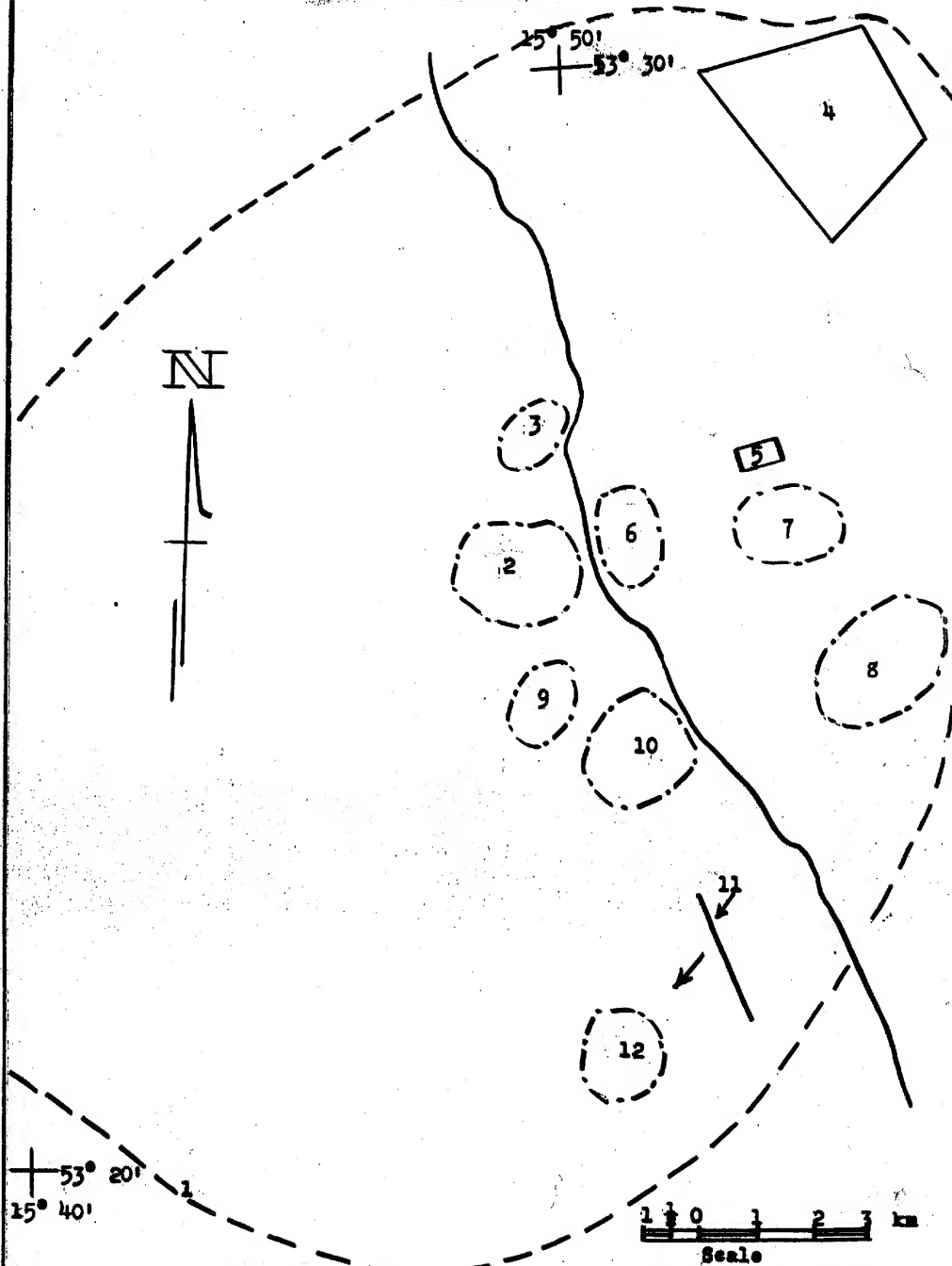
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Training Area at DRAWSKO (DRAMBURG) (5332N-1548E)  
(For Legend see page 4)



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Training Area at Drawsko (Dramburg) (N 53-32 - E 15-48)

In Areas 2, 6, 8, and 10, below, the EM were housed in tents:

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Legend

1. Approximate boundaries of the area.
2. Approximate location of the 9th Ind Med Tk Regt and an U/1 Recon Bn. The area contained several brick buildings, which were used as offices, kitchens, messhalls, and for storage of equipment.
3. Approximate location of Hq, 8th Mecz Div - An unknown number of brick buildings were used as offices and billets for Hq personnel.
4. Tank Drivers' Training Area - Boundaries of area were approximate. (Tank drivers used an extensive area when learning to operate tanks).
5. Outdoor Theater - Open area, which contained a movie screen and projection booth.
6. Approximate area of the Sig Bn.
7. Approximate area occupied by U/1 How Regt.
8. Approximate area occupied by two tank regiments - An unknown number of brick buildings were constructed in this area and were used as offices, kitchens, and messhalls.
9. Approximate area occupied by U/1 Engr (Sapper) Bn.
10. Approximate area occupied by the 39th Mecz Inf Regt. An unknown number of brick buildings were constructed here and were used as offices, kitchens, and messhalls.
11. Approximate location of the artillery and machine gun firing range and direction of fire.
12. Approximate location of the impact area.

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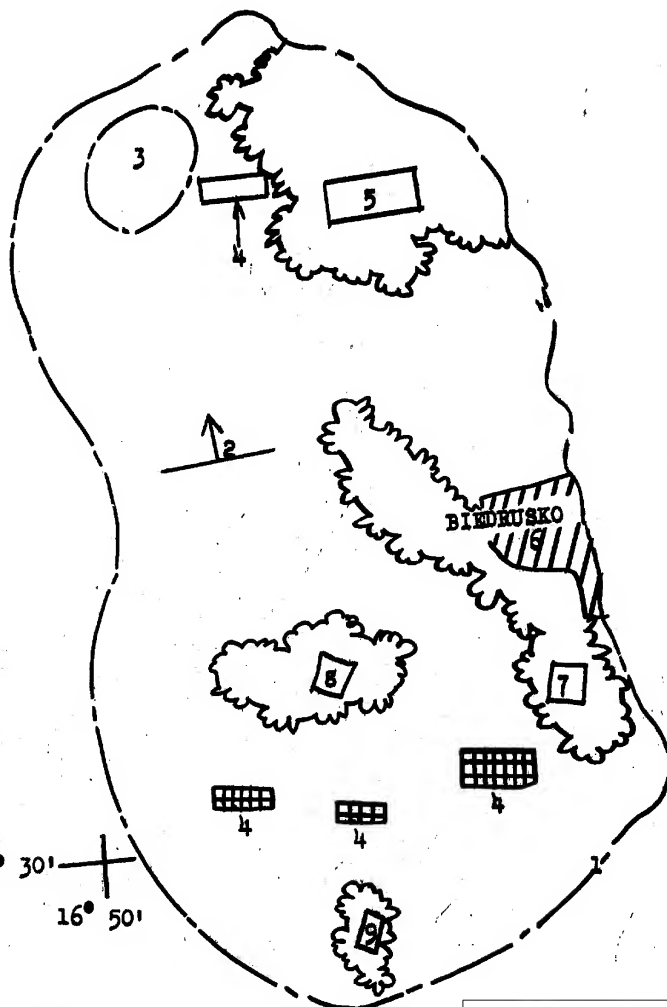
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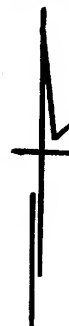
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BIEDRUSKO (5233N-1657E) Training Area

(For Legend see page 6)



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Biedrusko Training Area (N 52-33 - E 16-57)

Note: All troops lived in tents

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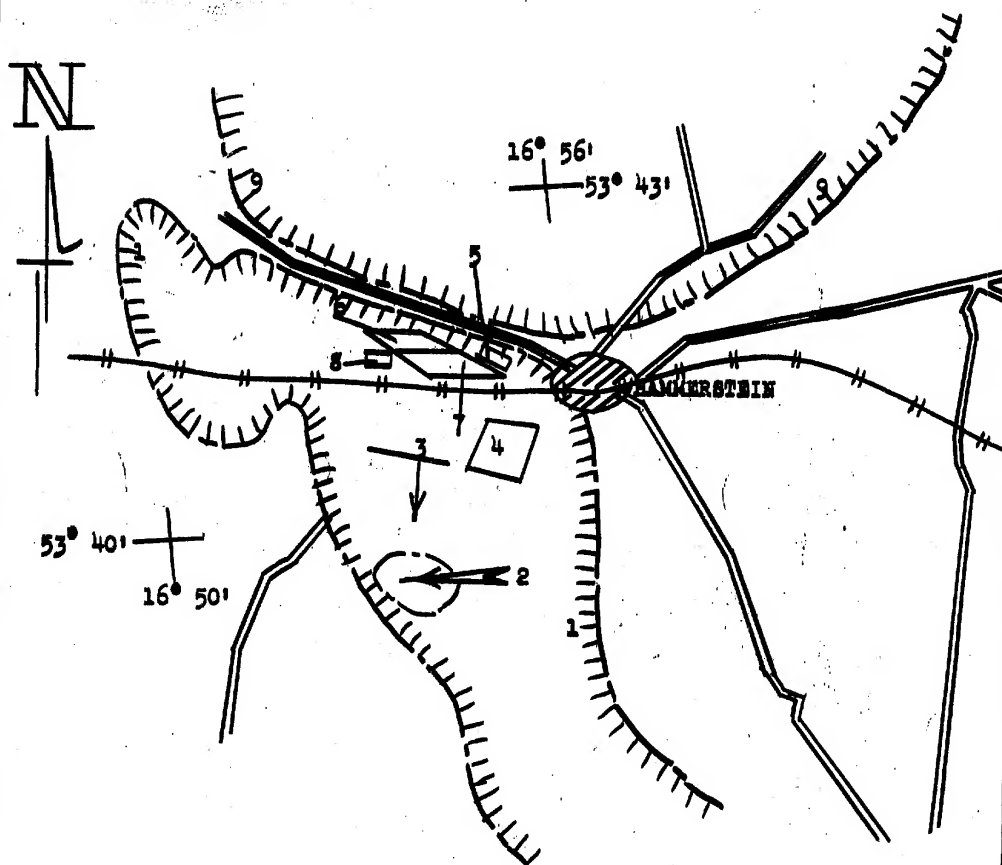
1. Approximate boundaries of the training area. Areas adjacent to the training area were also utilized by troops during training involving battalion-sized units.
2. Approximate location of the firing ranges and direction of tank and artillery weapons fire.
3. Approximate location of tank and artillery weapons impact area.
4. Villages from which all civilians had been evacuated at some previous time.
5. Approximate location used by Armd OCS students as a bivouac area. Several brick buildings located in the area were used as kitchens, messhalls, and offices.
6. Approximate location of an U/1 Div Hq during summer training. Biedrusko had been evacuated of all civilian population but was currently inhabited by dependents of officers and career NCO's.
7. Approximate location of bivouac area. Occupied by unidentified troops. Capacity unknown.
8. Approximate location of bivouac area. Occupied by unidentified troops. Capacity unknown.
9. Approximate location of bivouac area. Occupied by unidentified troops. Capacity unknown.

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Training Area at CZARNE (HAMMERSTEIN) (5341N-1656E)  
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Training Area at Czarne (Hammerstein) (N 53-41-E 16-56)

Note: [ ] training at this area from May 1953 to January 1954 while serving with the 41st Armd Arty Regt. Hq, 16th Mecz Div was located at this training area during the summer training period.

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Legend

1. Approximate boundaries of the training area occupied by units permanently stationed at Czarne. Southern boundry was not known [ ]  
[ ]
2. Approximate location of artillery impact area.
3. Approximate location of artillery and MG range.
4. Approximate location of the 28th Med Tk Regt and 16th Mecz Div Hq. An unknown number of brick buildings were constructed in this area, which were used as offices, messhalls, kitchens, and billets.
5. Dependents' quarters and school. Approximately seven three-story concrete buildings, each measuring 50 x 100 m.
6. Approximate location of the 41st Armd Arty Regt. Unknown number of brick buildings, which were used as offices, messhalls, and billets.
7. Approximate location of the 64th Hv Tk Regt. Unknown number of brick buildings, which were used as offices, messhalls, and billets.
8. Tank repair shop. Several large brick buildings, which contained machinery and equipment to repair tanks and artillery weapons.
9. Approximate boundaries of the training area used by unidentified units during the summer training period (from May to September). Extent of northern boundary and capacity was not known [ ]

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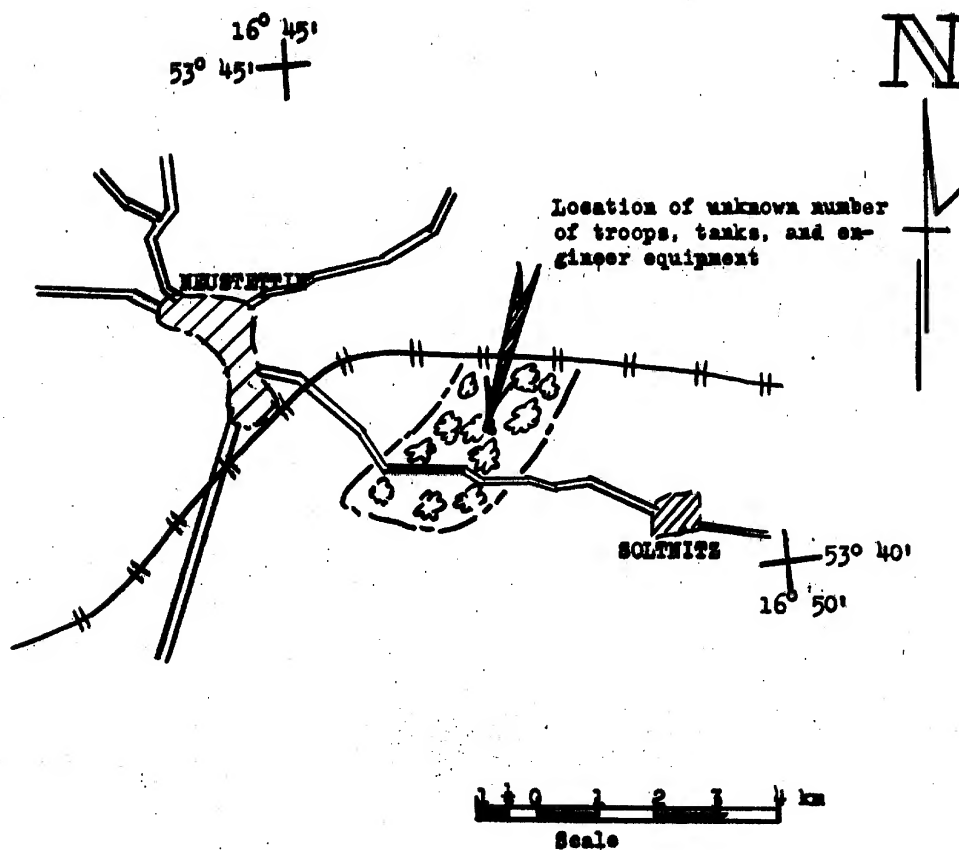
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Training Area at ZOLTHICA (SOLTHITZ) (5340N-2204E)



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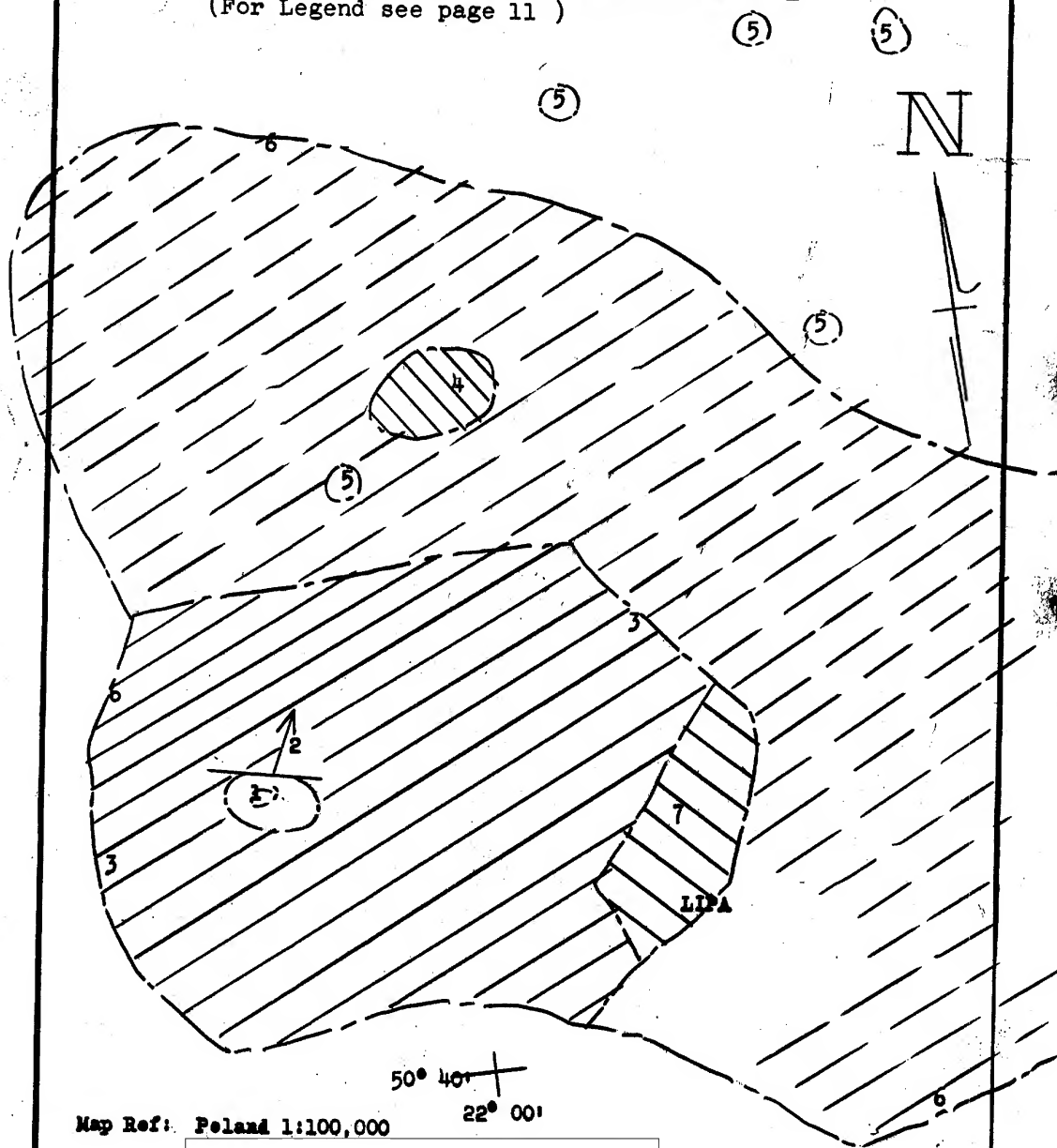
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LIPSKIE LASY Training Area near LIPA (5041N-2204E)  
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Lipskie Lasy Training Area near Lipa (N 50-41-E 22-04)

Note: The installations listed below were visible from the town of Lipa and from the railroad, which ran parallel to the town.

Legend

1. Approximate location of firing positions used by artillery and tank weapons. The area was referred to by the civilian population and the military personnel as Orle Gory (Eagle Hills).
2. Direction of tank and artillery weapons fire.
3. Extent of training area currently being used by Polish Army troops from the First (?) Military District.
4. Approximate location of shell impact area.
5. Approximate locations of wooden artillery observation towers, supposedly constructed during 1953 by Polish Army troops. Height of towers was not known; however, [ ] the Vistula River could be seen from any of the towers.
6. Approximate boundaries of the entire training area, with the exception of the western boundary, which was not known [ ]
7. Approximate area used by U/1 Polish Army troops. Also contained an unknown number of brick buildings, presumed [ ] to be mess halls, kitchens, and offices.

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